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OUR FISHERIES AND THEIR PROSPECTS.

The articles recently published by J. K. Lord, F. Z. S., late naturalist to the British North American Boundary Commission, on fish, fishing, and fisheries in seas, rivers and lakes, of Oregon, British Columbia, and Vancouver Island, in the *Field*, will be read with interest by all who know these colonies, as well as by those in the old country who are on the look out for a new home. Mr. Lord is an undoubted authority upon the subjects of which he treats in these articles, and from his experience and knowledge of this part of the world, may fairly be said to know more about our prospects as a great fishing empire, than any other writer who has treated upon the subject. "Rich," says our author, "are the gold mines of the colonies, rich the coal mines, and the land yields its timber, its grain and root crops plentifully; but I unhesitatingly and without fear of contradiction say, that the fisheries, both sea and river, if properly worked, will prove sources of wealth equal to the richest of them all." It has always been a matter of surprise to those who know the value of our fisheries, that they have not been more cultivated; what could be a more profitable source of employment for half a dozen fishermen in the course of the coming spring than to catch and preserve fish of various kinds for the Cariboo market. It is idle to say that it would not pay. Those who have been some months in the gold diggings know how much any change in the diet would be appreciated. And if it is worth while to cure and pack salmon in England for the China and India markets, where other fish of excellent character are cheap and plentiful, surely, if we may compare small things with great, it will be remunerative to supply the limited market that would be found at the mines. We are well aware that we shall be met with the objection that the cost of packing the fish up to the mines will be an insuperable objection to the business being an article of food, but our readers must bear in mind that we may very fairly expect a great reduction in freight, now that the wagon road is open to the steamer boat landing. Added to this, fishing could be carried on most advantageously in the Bonville Arm, from whence the carriage by a pack train could not be made to be an insuperable difficulty. We mention this undertaking as one being within the reach of any man amongst us who have nerves, and sinews, and capital enough to buy a fishing boat and tackle, and as being a business which requires no extraordinary skill and carries with it no great risk and promises a euro albeit a moderate return; but to develop our fisheries properly, a considerable capital must be invested and a company formed who can go into the business largely, so as to compete with the fisheries of England and America. There can be nothing in the world to prevent the whole eastern market being supplied with dried and preserved fish from these colonies—salmon, herring, and anchovies, may all be taken in, as Mr. Lord says, "limitless" quantities, and they all find a ready market in China and in India. There is no solitary reason why the export of these fish should not be as profitable here as in England, where, unworked, the fish named, realize, taking them collectively, higher prices than in this colony. Those who are interested in the prosperity of this colony must exert themselves to find something beyond the gold to employ the population which will reach our shores in the present year, or for the simple reason that we are, remain stationary, we shall retrograde. Some investment for capital must be found to keep it here on its way from the mines. A step in the right direction has been taken in the formation of copper mining companies, from which we look for good results, but in addition to developing the mineral wealth of the country, we must all try our utmost to find out and improve upon every method of increasing its productiveness, making it year by year less dependent upon foreign countries for supplies.

Although in the previous history of Vancouver Island there has been much to discourage settlers, properly so called, from penetrating into the country, we must own that there has also been some encouragement, and every fresh scheme for bringing into cultivation any branch of industry causes the difficulties by little and little to vanish away. Our agricultural land has not all turned out worthless, our timber is acknowledged to be as fine as any in any part of the world, and we have the authority we have already quoted to back what we have frequently expressed as our opinion—"that the fisheries in the lakes, rivers and sea east and west of Vancouver Island and on the mainland coasts from the entrance of the Columbia river to Sitka will and must eventually prove equal to any fisheries on the face of the globe."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE BUTE INLET WAGON ROAD CO. (Limited).
On Tuesday Evening, Jan. 26, 1864, at 8 o'clock.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will take place on MONDAY, the 1st of February, at one o'clock, at which will be brought forward the questions postponed at the meeting of the 1st of January, and of winding up the affairs of the Company.
AUG. R. GREEN, Secretary.
Victoria, January 25th, 1864.

Expedition to Sangster Island—Notice.
The SANGSTER ISLAND MINING Company, Limited, has been formed to carry out the project of opening up the island of Sangster, and all who are desirous of going up in the ship, or of obtaining shares, should apply to the office, when tickets for passage will be issued to them.
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Will Open on Wednesday, 27th Instant,
--WITH THEIR COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF--
DRY GOODS & GENERAL DRAPERY
Received Overland.
And Ex "Napoleon III" and "Lockett,"
TO WHICH ESPECIAL ATTENTION IS INVITED.

H. B. CAMPBELL,
Accountant and General Agent,
GENERAL AVERAGES ADJUSTED;
BALANCE SHEETS PREPARED;
MINING CLAIMS BOUGHT AND SOLD;
RECORDS SEARCHED AND CERTIFICATES OBTAINED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE. Rents and Debts Collected.
The most reliable information from Cariboo received regularly per Express.
Office on Government Street, lately occupied by Mr. Bishop, opposite Searby & Moore's.
Victoria, January 25th, 1864. ja25 2w

For San Francisco
DIRECT,
The Fast Sailing Clipper Schooner
Kate Adams,
C. MACFARLANE, MASTER.
INSURE ON THE REEF AND LOADING AT UNION WHARF for the above Port, and have room for a limited quantity of Freight and a few Passengers.
Will sail on or about January Current
For rates of freight or passage, enquire at Union Wharf.
ja25 2t

House to Let
ON BLANCHARD STREET, BETWEEN Yates and View.
Apply to
J. P. DAVIES & CO.,
Auctioneers, Wharf Street.
ja25 1f

To Let!
WITHIN ONE MILE AND A HALF of the town, Sections of LAND containing Five Acres and upwards, will be let at a reasonable rent for a term of years with privilege to purchase, and also adapted for building sites, and other parts well adapted for market gardens. For further particulars apply to
W. J. McDONALD,
Courtney Street.
ja25 1m

GOLDSTONE & BROTHER,
(LATE SPENCER & GOLDSTONE),
COMMISSION MERCHANT
Importer and Wholesale Dealer in
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS
Dry Goods, Clothing,
BOOTS AND SHOES, Etc., Etc., Etc.
ja25 1m

ST. JOHN'S
Sunday School Festival
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 26, at the GYMNASIUM HALL.
Any person having found it will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at the Box Office for Miss W. J. McDONALD.
ja25 1m

DISSOLVING VIEWS.
Members of the Congregation and others are invited to attend.
TICKETS—Price, \$1, may be had at Mr. Moorehead's, St. Nicholas Street, Messrs. Searby & Moore, Government Street, Hibern & Cairns, Victoria, V.I.
ja25 1t

LOST.
LAST EVENING, IN OR ABOUT THE Theatre, A SOLITAIRE DIAMOND RING. Any person having found it will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at the Box Office for Miss W. J. McDONALD.
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JUST RECEIVED
FROM LIVERPOOL
Ex "Lockett."
FROM LIVERPOOL
Matthew R. Webb & Co.,
In addition to their usual assortment of
DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.
HAVE ON HAND
BALES CROSSLEY'S
CARPETING,
--COMPRISING--
Best Tapestry & Scotch Tweil
VARIOUS PATTERNS.
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TO BE RAFFLED
AT THE FASHION HOTEL:
(Will positively come off without fail)
On Tuesday Evening, Jan. 26, 1864, at 8 o'clock.
A Splendid Diamond Brooch and Earrings.
VALUE, \$1,000.
ja25 1w

Now Landing
Ex Bark N. S. Perkins
FROM HONOLULU.
SUGAR IN KEGS, NO. 1;
Do Crushed Do, 2;
KONA COFFEE;
HOLANESSE, in 4 and 8-gal kegs;
MOLASSES;
For sale by
LOWE BROTHERS.
ja25 1m

EGGS.
EGGS! EGGS!!
FRESH, 50 cts. per Dozen.
Just received by steamer Eliza Anderson and steamship Oregon.
FRESH CALIFORNIA EGGS, HAMS, Bacon, Lard and Butter. Also, a large quantity of all the undersigned is selling off cheap during the holidays.
Call and examine for yourselves before purchasing elsewhere.
All the above will be sold at wholesale or retail.
The street, opposite Hearn's Boarding House, between Douglas and Broad streets.
ja25 1m

Queen Charlotte Mining Company, (Limited).
NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.
UNDER AUTHORITY CONFERRED by Resolution of General Meeting held 14th instant, the Board of Directors have this day laid on the table a statement of the accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st Decr. 1863, payable to the Secretary in 14 days from this date at the office of the Company.
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The City of Victoria.
GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a large body of electors, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the seat reserved for the electors of this young and rising city as so important a period in our history as the present, and the great responsibility that rests upon those who undertake so great and onerous a task. I entertain the belief that the absolute identity of my own prospects in life with those of our city and colony will go far to guide me in legislating for the general welfare.

Among the elements that have been conducted to our present prosperity and that are best calculated to make us a great commercial people, I regard our Free Port and Free Trade as occupying a most prominent part.
The improvement of Victoria Harbor, the establishment of Direct Communication with Panama by means of a line of British Steamers, and better and more liberal Postal Arrangements with the Settlements, I regard as intimately connected with our future prosperity.
I shall advocate the transfer of the Crown Lands to the colony, but I am not prepared to make a condition of that transfer, to vote the entire and very heavy Civil List enumerated in one of the published dispatches of the Duke of Newcastle.
The diffusion of correct information in Great Britain and the Colonies as to our resources and requirements, and the offering of Free Grants of Land to actual settlers I believe to be highly desirable.
I shall give my warmest support to any general and well digested system of Common School Education, irrespective of creed, color, or nationality.
I shall, if not forestalled, introduce a new Act of Incorporation for the City of Victoria, and I can confidently point to that on which the present Act is founded, giving ample power to the Corporation to make laws for the better government of the City, and I shall advocate the transfer of Public Lands within the Municipality to the control of the Corporation.
I consider that the power to originate money bills should rest with the House of Assembly.
Laws for exempting Freemen from all Jury Duty, for protecting operatives from defaulting contractors, and for facilitating the Collection of Small Debts, will all have my cordial support.
There are many other matters of great moment on which I shall offer my views, and I am confident that, having already served you for the past year as a member of the City Council, my past conduct in that office will be a guarantee of my independent course in this matter, and I can confidently point to that on which the present Act is founded, giving ample power to the Corporation to make laws for the better government of the City, and I shall advocate the transfer of Public Lands within the Municipality to the control of the Corporation.
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